

## STEM OPT Extension Acknowledgment Form

As part of OPT reporting requirements, students must provide employment information through the SEVP Portal so that their SEVIS record accurately reflects all employment during OPT. Before proceeding with the STEM OPT application, please email this information to your DSO if you have not already done so. This description will become part of your SEVIS record and may be reviewed by USCIS.

It is important that you understand and follow the regulations related to your STEM OPT extension. Please read the following and sign below to confirm your understanding of your responsibilities and those of your employer while on the STEM OPT extension:

- I understand that I must report my current home address and employment information to DSO every six months from the start date of my STEM OPT, even if no changes have occurred.
- I understand that I must submit an annual self-evaluation on the progress of my training experience to DSO (see page 5 of the Form I-983).
- I understand that if I change employers, I must submit a new Form I-983 training plan to DSO and a final evaluation from my previous employer.
- I understand that I must report the termination of my employment, any changes to my employment or training plan, and any changes to my personal information such as my U.S. physical address within 10 days of the event.
- I understand that my employer during STEM OPT must be enrolled in E-Verify and must have a valid E-Verify number.
- I understand that I remain in F-1 student status while on STEM OPT and that I am responsible for promptly communicating with my DSO regarding any changes to my immigration status or my plans, such as returning to my home country or beginning a new degree program.
- I understand that failure to comply with STEM OPT regulations may result in the termination of my SEVIS record.
- I understand that I cannot exceed a total of 150 days of unemployment (90 days from post-completion OPT plus an additional 60 days during STEM OPT), and that exceeding this limit may result in the termination of my F-1 status and future immigration complications.
- I understand DSO is not responsible for the time USCIS takes to process my application, nor is the DSO liable for any rejection, denial, or errors in my STEM OPT application.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVIS ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date (MM/DD/YY):** \_\_\_\_\_